

Stormwater Compliance for Construction Activities at Fort Carson, CO

1. Regulated construction activities include clearing, grading and excavating, resulting in land disturbance. In addition, the earth disturbing activity has to be part of a project to build, demolish, or replace a structure (e.g., building, road, pad, pipeline, transmission line, etc.) to trigger the need for permit coverage. Regulated construction activities do not include earth disturbance that is a normal part of the long-term use or maintenance of the property, such as routine maintenance that is performed to maintain the original line and grade, hydraulic capacity, or original purpose of the site.
2. If the construction project itself is <1-acre and is not part of a larger common plan of development that is >1-acre, there are no stormwater permitting requirements.
3. If the construction project itself is >1-acre and/or is part of a larger common plan of development that is >1-acre, then compliance with the Construction General Permit (CGP) is required. There are no direct fees associated with this permit. A step-by-step process for complying with the CGP is detailed below.
 - a. Review the CGP for applicable requirements and eligibility
 - Ⓢ A copy of the CGP is located at:
http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/cgp2003_entirepermit.pdf
 - Ⓢ If applicable, information for small construction project (<5-acres) waivers is located at:
<http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/waiver.cfm>
 - b. Prepare a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)
 - Ⓢ An EPA template is located at:
http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/sw_swppp_template.doc
 - Ⓢ Be sure to include information on endangered species and cultural resources, which can be achieved by including the project specific NEPA documentation (i.e. Record of Environmental Consideration)
 - Ⓢ All SWPPPs, and other relevant information, need to be reviewed and approved by the Fort Carson Stormwater Program (contact 719-526-1697).
 - c. File a Notice of Intent (NOI)
 - Ⓢ The following information is needed to complete the NOI filing:
 - Read the CGP
 - A completed and Fort Carson approved SWPPP
 - Project specific NEPA documentation that addresses endangered species and cultural resources
 - Identified receiving water bodies that stormwater may discharge into
 - Latitude and longitude of project site
 - Ⓢ File at <http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/enoi.cfm> (click on bottom of page)
 - Ⓢ Work may be initiated 7-days after EPA electronically acknowledges receipt of completed NOI
 - d. Install Best Management Practices (BMPs) as outlined in SWPPP
 - e. Maintain BMPs and updated SWPPP
 - f. Conduct inspections of site and BMPs (include documentation with SWPPP)
 - g. Implement Final Stabilization Plan (see CGP for semi-arid climate exceptions)
 - h. Remove temporary BMPs
 - i. Recordkeeping and training
 - j. File a Notice of Termination (NOT)
 - Ⓢ One of the following needs to be completed prior to filing a NOT:
 - Final stabilization achieved
 - Another operator has assumed control over site
 - Coverage under another National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit has been obtained
 - Ⓢ A NOT must be filed within 30-days of one of the above conditions being met.
 - Ⓢ File at <http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/enoi.cfm>